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Examination of Rats Found Dead—Plague Infection.

	1911						1912					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
Rats examined.....	787	1,060	1,062	1,197	1,130	1,012	814	748	1,231	1,414	1,420	1,251
Plague infected.....	3			2	7	48	16	11	17	9	6	3

Acting Asst. Surg. Ransom reported July 6: Leprosy is endemic in Shanghai. Relapsing fever and hookworm are present.

CUBA.**The Plague Situation.**

In Cuba there have been in all 3 cases of plague in Habana. The last case was reported on July 22 and the last death July 27. It is therefore a month since any case has developed.

The restrictions placed upon passengers going from Habana to the United States have been removed, excepting as regards persons who have resided in Habana between Cuba Street and the water front. The restrictions on vessels and cargoes directed against the importation into the United States of infected rodents remain unchanged.

The work of trapping and poisoning rats continues, and the rats collected are being examined to ascertain whether plague infection exists among them. From June 24 to August 10, 6,216 rats had been examined in this way without the finding of any infected with plague.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for the United States.

Passed Asst. Surg. von Ezdorf reports as follows regarding the inspection at Habana of vessels clearing for United States ports:

Week ended August 3, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	27
Vessels inspected and passed.....	21
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	970
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	792
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	13
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service.....	2
Passengers individually certified.....	341
Passengers certified after detention at Triscornia quarantine station:	
For New York.....	38
For Key West.....	19
For New Orleans.....	8

Week ended August 10, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	22
Vessels inspected and passed.....	16
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	731
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	376
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	10
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service.....	2
Passengers individually certified.....	341
Passengers certified after detention at Triscornia quarantine station:	
For New York.....	32
For Key West.....	8